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Trail of Death: Military police examine the uprooted vegetation and debris left in the wake of the B-17 Army bomber which rammed into Mount Tom, near Holyoke, Mass., during a light rain and haze, killing all 25 persons aboard. The plane was en route from Goose Bay, Labrador, to Westover Field, Chicopee, Mass., when it hit the mountain, exploding into flames. All of the victims were service men.

WORLD EVENTS

Poland Sentences 9 to Hang For Leading Kielce Pogrom

KIELCE, Poland July 11.—Death was decreed yesterday for nine Poles who led recent anti-Semitic riots here. The nine, including two militiamen, were charged with the murder of 45 Jews in a pogrom they fostered last week. They sentenced to hang.

A 26-year-old housewife, Antonia Biskupska, was sentenced to 10 years in prison for her part in the terrorism, which was publicly denounced by Polish Premier Edward Osobka-Morawski.

At least one Jew was killed in a fresh anti-Semitic attack yesterday on a train between Breslau and Lodz, police announced.

Osobka-Morawski has attempted to have the Catholic church here publicly decry anti-Semitism and terrorism, but thus far has received stony silence from Catholic primates and prelates.

The American Jewish Labor Council today expressed its endorsement of the firm policy adopted by the Polish government in demanding the death penalty for the perpetrators of the Kielce pogrom.

A cable to Premier Osobka-Morawski, signed by Ben Gold, president, and Max Steinberg, secretary-treasurer of the Council, expressed the deep indignation of American labor at the hideous act committed by "agents of fascist intervention aiming to destroy the new Polish democracy."

Palestine Entry Only Chance, Lehman Says

Large-scale immigration into Palestine is the "only chance for security and peace" for many of Europe's Jews, former Gov. Herbert H. Lehman said here last night.

Speaking at a memorial meeting at the Hotel New Yorker for the pogrom victims of Kielce, Poland, Lehman pointed out that he believed the Polish Government was making a "sincere effort" to stop anti-Semitic outbreaks.

The meeting was held under the auspices of the American Federation for Polish Jews with participation by members of the Kielce Jewish community now in the United States.

Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, president of the organization, bitterly excoriated the British Government for aid to the instigators of anti-Jewish terrorism in Poland.

Britain doesn't want a strong, democratic Poland, he said. In

Poland, as elsewhere, she supports and finances disruptive groups.

Tenenbaum demanded the United States refuse admittance to "fascists" serving under Gen. Wladyslaw Anders.

Dr. Joseph Thon, head of the National Organization of Polish Jews and member of the Administrative Committee of the World Jewish Congress, said the Polish pogroms should be probed by the United Nations as a "menace to

peace." He demanded that Polish Jews be allowed armed self-defense units and that the United States, Britain, France and Canada grant temporary emergency visas to all Jews seeking to leave Poland.

Other speakers included Arnold Grossfeld, executive secretary of the Federation; Dr. Emil Sommerstein, head of the Jewish Central Committee, Poland, and Prof. Arthur Lejwa of the Kielce Jewish Committee.

Bikini A-Bomb Would Have Slain Many

WASHINGTON, July 11.—If men were on the ships used in the atomic bomb test at Bikini, many would have been killed outright while others would have received "lethal" radiological doses, the evaluation board for the tests said today.

A preliminary report to President Truman by the board, headed by Dr. Karl T. Compton, scientist, said that the bomb damaged more ships than have ever been hit by a single explosion. It also provided data for redesigning naval vessels to minimize danger from atomic bombs. The board's survey was made at the direction of the joint chiefs of staff.

It pointed out, however, that since the fires were uncontrolled, the bomb did more damage to the fleet than would have occurred under normal battle conditions.

The report attempted to justify the bomb test by saying that results were well worth the effort and expense involved. It said the Bikini test provided "a vast amount of data which will prove invaluable throughout scientific and engineering fields."

GIs Break Up Trieste Protest

American troops in armored cars broke up a demonstration by 20,000 Italian sympathizers of Yugoslavia yesterday, but not before 10 persons had been wounded, the city's business paralyzed, and a railroad blown up in one of the wildest days yet in this troubled port.

Before the American armored cars charged onto the scene, their crews in full battle dress, the local police had fired 100 shots in an attempt to break up the meeting. Ten persons were wounded.

The pro-Slovene demonstrators stormed through the streets smashing fascist Italian stores. All business and transportation came to a halt.

The rail line between Trieste and Udine, one of the allied supply routes, was blown up with land mines near the little town of Pieris.

In one section of the city electricity for trolley lines was cut off by an explosion with cut power lines.

Streetcars were halted in the Piazza Goldoni last night by 400 strikers who smashed the windows of the cars and tried to beat up scabs.

Charge Greeks Misuse UNRRA

ATHENS, Greece, July 11.—The monarchist-loaded Greek government was charged with distributing relief supplies only to its supporters and machine by the chief of the UNRRA mission here yesterday.

Buell Maden, UNRRA head, protested to the government against discrimination against "outlaws" in the distribution of UNRRA supplies.

A parallel was thus drawn between the action of Greece and the Kuomintang government of Chiang Kai-shek, which, it has been charged, has been using UNRRA supplies as a political weapon in his battle to conquer Chinese Communist forces there.

In London, Greek Prime Minister Constantine Tsaldaris denied Maden's charge, but conceded "there may have been some discrimination in some small villages about which I don't know."

Maden said he has asked UNRRA headquarters in Greece to cut off supplies to certain villages till the discrimination ceases.



Fire, Smoke, Destruction: The atom bomb at the moment of detonation in the Bikini tests presents an unparalleled picture of the brilliant horrible destructive violence of war. The brightness spreads and a column of smoke ascends in the picture taken a few seconds later.

New Franco Terror Blamed on U. S. Aid

The Action Committee to Free Spain Now wrote President Truman and Secretary of State Byrnes yesterday that "a new campaign of terror in Spain" is "clearly the responsibility, in part of the Government of the United States."

Citing the recent shooting by Spanish police of Ramon Villa, Madrid steelworkers' leader, the committee stated that the actions of the governments of the United States and Great Britain in blocking United Nations action had encouraged Franco to murder.

"In order to prevent further bloodshed in Spain, we respectfully urge you to take immediate

action toward severing all diplomatic and economic relations with the present Spanish Government, and, in the meantime, to instruct our representatives in Madrid to take all possible steps toward securing the safety of the heroic fighters against fascism who are now in Spanish jails," the Action Committee demanded.

The letter was signed by Milton Wolff, former leader of the Abraham Lincoln Battalion, the American contingent which fought on the side of the Loyalists in the Spanish Civil War.



ROUND UP VOTES FOR BRITISH LOAN

THE BRITISH LOAN faced rocky moments in the House and Administration spokesman Sam Rayburn of Texas hauled up heavy artillery in the form of a plea for passage from former Secretary of State Cordell Hull. Republican representatives attacked the loans as unconstitutional and Rep. Everett Dirksen of Illinois said he would offer amendments to get collateral from the British for the credits. Dirksen threatened to force the bill back into the Banking Committee if his amendments fail. Democratic leaders predicted a majority and expect a vote on Saturday. Telegrams were sent to Democratic Congressmen urging them to be present for the vote.

CHUNGKING CIRCLES tried to take the sting out of the criticism signed by 310 UNRRA employees in China by asserting that Chiang Kai-shek had ordered all possible help to UNRRA a week ago.

SENSATIONAL MURDERS of two young girls near Bournemouth claimed London attention. One of them was Doreen Marshall, another identified only as "Peggy." Police were rushing bloodhounds to the scene yesterday to check on whether the same sadist murdered both.

HAROLD UREY, noted atomic scientist, attacks the U. S. atom bomb monopoly in the current issue of the Foreign Policy Association's Reports. He said the monopoly would not last indefinitely, and all attempts to maintain it would lead to an atomic bomb race and eventual war. Urey attributed the deterioration of American-Soviet relations to the monopoly policy, and urged that "important changes in the organization of human society"

must be brought about quickly to avoid atomic warfare. The scientist endorsed the Acheson-Lillenthal control proposals.

AN INTERESTING LETTER from Adm. Kichisaburo Nomura, Japanese ambassador here at the time of Pearl Harbor, came to light in Tokyo yesterday. Nomura asked his own government to recall him on Oct. 22, 1941 because he "despised this hypocritical existence of deceiving other people." This would imply that Nomura knew the attack was being prepared. He claims, however, that he meant that his stay in the U. S. was deceiving his own people.

POPE PIUS defined freedom of the press to a group of American editors visiting Rome. He said the first postulate was "access to the truth." He added that press freedom should prevent a man "from printing what is wrong what is known to be false or what is calculated to undermine and destroy the moral and religious fiber of individuals and the peace and harmony of nations." Good enough — will Catholic editors please note.

HANS FRANK, Nazi governor-general of Poland, pleaded that the Allies had violated the rules of war by atomic bombing of Japan and mass raids on German cities. Therefore, says he, he's not guilty of murdering millions of Poles and Jews.

SOVIET EXPERIMENTS on rocket bombs were deduced from six "meteorites or flying bombs" seen over central Sweden. One exploded near Sundsvall, and a Swedish physicist is sure it was not a meteor. So Soviet experimentation in Finland, 300 miles away, is alleged.

LABOR and the NATION

Living Costs Up 3.2 Percent in Day

The cost of living rose more than three cents on the dollar in 24 hours, the Bureau of Labor Statistics announced yesterday. The official government agency said 12 basic food items have jumped 14.3 percent since OPA was kayoed June 30. The 24-hour living-cost hike was 3.2 percent.

Murray Demands Senators Act Immediately on OPA

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, July 11.—CIO president Philip Murray today demanded the Senate act at once to roll back prices to June 30, the OPA expired, and to re-enact price controls without further delay.

"Grave and potentially irreparable damage is being done by this inability or unwillingness to act decisively in response to the overwhelming demand of the American people for a stabilized price structure," he said in a letter to all Senators.

Excerpts from his letter follows: "On behalf of the CIO, I call upon the Senate to act immediately to stop the growing economic disruption in the country resulting from the failure to renew the OPA without crippling amendments. The expiration date of OPA in 1946 has been well known for more than a year.

"The House of Representatives started consideration of OPA renewal five months ago. Under the circumstances, it is gross irresponsibility to have permitted the present chaotic impasse to develop. To permit it to continue even for another day while the spectacle of delay and legislative impotence discredits our great democratic processes is inconceivable.

"It is my judgment that the Senate action removing control from meat and poultry is equivalent to passing death sentence upon hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions of men, women and children in other lands.

"Cattle must not be permitted to consume the vast quantities of wheat and other grain which should be sent abroad for the saving of human lives. It would seem queer that the inhuman decision of the Senate majority on this matter gravely imperils the opportunity of the peoples of the world to achieve a lasting peace.

"The Congress and Senate stand responsible before the American people in this difficulty. The legislative chaos must come to an abrupt end. I respectfully urge you to act at once."



MURRAY Demands Roll Back

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Buyers Strikes for New OPA Spread Throughout Nation

Buyers' strikes against runaway prices yesterday spread to at least 10 cities as sponsoring labor, consumer and veterans groups predicted they would cover the nation unless price controls are renewed.

Buyers were on the march in picket lines and shopping center demonstrations in Philadelphia, Washington, New York, St. Louis, Erie and Reading, Pa., Quincy, Cambridge and Springfield, Mass., and Camden, N. J. Reports from Portland, Ore., Bismarck, N. D., and Omaha, Neb., also showed consumers were refusing to be hijacked by profiteers.

STRIKE EFFECTIVE

Washington's one day buyers' strike yesterday was very successful, the Daily Worker's Washington Bureau reported. Approximately 500 housewives braved 85-degree mid-day heat to picket stores both in downtown Washington and in outlying shopping centers.

John Anderson, chairman of the D.C. Citizens Price Defense Committee which sponsored the boycott, said the big stores were almost deserted from 12 o'clock to 2 and 4 to 6. A majority of shoppers turned away in a good humor, declaring they had forgotten this was buyers' strike day, and then returned home. A few, he said, stayed to help picket.

The Washington buyers' strike was organized by 50 labor, consumer, Negro and veterans groups, including AFL and CIO unions. A nursery to care for children of picketing mothers did a flourishing business.

The Daily Worker's Philadelphia correspondent reported that the CIO Council, warned that if OPA legislation is not quickly enacted, wage negotiations will be reopened. The Council joined transport, electrical, furniture, maritime and office workers picketing the central-city Reading Terminal Market and a realtor who had raised rents up to 75 per-

cent in nearly 600 homes. The Council called on the National CIO to join the move.

Across the river, in Camden, N. J., 400 CIO shipbuilders picketed Jersey dairies, slaughter houses and scores of retail stores with placards demanding return of OPA ceilings.

QUINCY

In Quincy, Mass., 9,000 CIO shipyard workers agreed to buy the least possible amount of food, United Press reported. The union said an 18 cent hourly pay raise granted in May had been wiped out by increased living costs.

In Erie, Pa., a buyers' strike was set for tomorrow. The Erie Council of Churches, AFL, CIO, veteran and civic groups organized a citizens price control committee.

MIDWEST

In St. Louis, UP reported, the Consumers Federation began a buyers' strike. In Bismarck, N. D., grocers predicted a drop in butter prices after consumers refused to buy at high prices. And in Chicago, according to the Daily Worker correspondent, Mayor Kelly received demands to call a special session of the City Council for a citywide rent moratorium.

At Buffalo, N. Y., CIO steel and office workers held a protest shopgate meeting at the American Radiator Standard Sanitary Corp.

Meanwhile in New York City, labor, veterans and consumer organizations launched a series of rallies leading to a buyers' strike on July 23, date set for five borough demonstrations supported by 70 organizations.

Blind members of the CIO Social Service Employee's Union set, up tables at Columbus Circle where consumers were asked to support the July 23 strike and to pledge to

buy only necessities.

The Borough Park, Brooklyn, Communist Party held a walking picket line along Brooklyn's 13th Avenue in support of the July 23 strike, and reported an enthusiastic response by housewives.

Local consumer groups of the Bronx Coordinating Consumer Council will hold street meetings today and tonight (Friday) in the Moshulu, Pelham Parkway, Parkchester, Tremont, and University, Archer and Starling Avenues areas.



NATIONAL SCENE

4,000 WACS TO GO OVERSEAS

THE ARMY will use WACS to carry out its imperialist program abroad by sending 4,000 women overseas within the next four months. Col. Westray Battle Boyce, WAC director, said women still are "badly needed" in the Army which hopes Congress will keep women permanently. Plans to ship WACs to Tokyo are under way.

LICHFIELD CAMP COMMANDER Col. James A. Killian was again blamed for brutality against American GI prisoners, when Major Richard Lobocono said that he had been instructed by Killian "to be rougher on them (prisoners)." When Lobocono told Killian that he couldn't do it, according to yesterday's testimony at Bad Neuheim, Germany, he was relieved of his duties. It was Killian, he said, who "made all the

rules and determined the policies." He also said that Killian tried "to color our testimony."

TRUMAN ADMINISTRATION failure to safeguard the suffrage and civil rights of Mississippi Negro voters was blasted in a report by the Southern Negro Youth Congress.

"President Truman and Attorney General Clark knew the facts of the Blübe-led conspiracy to defraud the half-million Negroes of Mississippi who are of voting age of their right to vote weeks ago," the SNYC declared.

ILYA EHRENBURG, noted Soviet writer, who recently visited the U.S., reports his shock at U.S. Jimcrow in an interview with Thyra Edwards and Murray Gitlin in the Chicago Defender.

Prices on the New York City wholesale shoe market had advanced eight to nine percent, trade sources said.

Dun and Bradstreet's daily price index of 30 basic commodities yesterday reached 226.99, highest point since the index was started in 1932. The index, in which the 1930-32 average for 30 commodities equals 100, was 224.72 the day before, as compared with 196.45 a month ago and 177.04 a year ago.

Senate Okays Rent Ceilings—Full of Holes

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, July 11.—The Senate voted to keep rent control in its amendment-riddled OPA bill today but included the joker that OPA should not control rents in states setting up their own system of control.

State rent laws are noted for their failure to control rents.

The Senate defeated by 14 to 58 a proposal of Sen. Albert W. Hawkes (R-N.J.), to direct OPA to raise rents 15 percent by April, 1947. Hawkes, former vice-president of the National Association of Manufacturers pleaded for the down-trodden life insurance companies which, he said, have more than eight billion dollars invested in real estate and are not reaping adequate profits due to rent control.

"No group of people have been left behind and tied to the post as have the landlords," he complained.

The rent amendment provides that OPA shall fix no rent ceilings in any state which establishes its own rent controls. As first proposed, both state and cities had the right to set their own rents.

Barkley urged the sponsors to limit this power to states and offered in that event to go along with the amendment. Knowland and Ferguson refused and Magnuson then offered an amendment to their amendment which was adopted 44 to 34.

When the final vote was taken, Senators who consider themselves supporters of price control were found voting with Taft, Wherry, Knowland and Ferguson. This included, besides Barkley and Magnuson, LaFollette, Morse, Murdock, Chavez and Hoffman.

Sen. Claude Pepper (D-Fla.),

FREE ENTERPRISE

Here is a list of some food items, their last ceiling prices here and yesterday's uncontrolled prices—caught on the rise:

| | Ceiling (Cents) | Price Now (Cents) |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Butter | 63-66 | 90 |
| Sirloin steak | 42-46 | 80 |
| Round steak | 43-45 | 75 |
| Chopped Steak | 28-30 | 75 |
| Lamb chops | 44-51 | \$1.00 |
| Fowl (dressed) | | 60 |
| Milk (bot. store) | 17 | 19 |

SUPPLIES UP, PRICES TOO

In the livestock market yesterday hogs went up to the top price of \$18.75 at East St. Louis, a jump of 25 cents over the top price of the day before. Sheep sold at a top of \$20, 75 cents over the peak of the day before. At South St. Paul, cattle sold at an early top of \$22.50, an increase of 50 cents over the previous day.

At Omaha, cattle hit an all-time high of \$23.65 for choice medium weight fed steers. The previous record was \$22.50, set July 1 and equaled yesterday. Some choice steers sold for \$23 at Milwaukee, an all-time high.

All of the yards reported unusually high receipts for a Thursday.

The Agriculture Department at Washington reported that "despite popular belief" hog marketing during the first week without OPA were not particularly large for July and were smaller than average receipts for May.

commented dryly on the veto: "I don't see any more reason to leave rents to state control than prices in general," he said.

Sen. Taft was on the floor immediately to demand action on his price amendment which he said was identical with that one originally proposed by Barkley "before loopholes were added to it by Price Administrator Paul Porter."

He admitted it would raise prices on manufactured goods but insisted they would not average more than two to 10 percent.

Ehrenburg observed: "At Fisk University I spoke with students and faculty members. At TVA I talked with Negro workers. At Birmingham I visited a Negro editor. I went to see Negro and white trade union leaders, and at Jackson, Miss., I talked with Negro and white lawyers on the Jackson rape case. One thing I noted throughout our trip. I found no hostility or enmity toward the Soviet Union anywhere among Negro people. Whatever category, it was the same. The feeling was friendly."

A STERNLY WORDED warning that "rapidly rising prices inevitably bring demands for higher wages — strikes — and interruption of work schedules" was given President Truman and Congress by Reconversion Director John R. Steelman.

Columbia Defense To Ask Another Change of Venue

COLUMBIA, Tenn., July 11.—Defense attorneys in the case of the Columbia Negroes declared today they are preparing motions for change of venue to move the trial of 25 of the defendants from Lawrenceburg, where it is scheduled to begin Aug. 6.

The announcement came amid mounting indignant protests of the Lawrenceburg citizenry against trying the Negroes there.

Simultaneously, Circuit Court Judge Joe M. Ingram continued the case of William Pillow and Lloyd Kennedy, Negroes charged under separate indictment with attempt to commit murder, until the November term of Maury County Court in Columbia.

The defense argued and won delay of trial of the Pillow-Kennedy case on grounds of serious illness of Thurgood Marshall of New York, chief counsel of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People and one of four defense attorneys.

OTHER DEFENSE LAWYERS

Other defense lawyers are Z. Alexander Looby, of Nashville; Maurice M. Weaver, of Chattanooga, and Dr. L. A. Ransom, of Washington, D. C.

Both white and Negro citizens committees have been formed in Lawrenceburg, Lawrence County, 33 miles south of here, demanding the trial of the 25 not be held there. Mayor R. O. Downey, of Lawrenceburg, stormed:

"I know the sentiment of the people here is predominantly opposed to transfer of the trial to Lawrenceburg. We are not for the Negroes. But we don't want to wash the dirty clothes of Maury County."

The case was moved from Columbia, in Maury County, to Lawrenceburg, county seat of Lawrence County, by Judge Ingram July on motion of District Attorney Paul F. Bumpus. NAACP attorneys had protested this action, demanding the trial be held in Nashville, in Davidson County, or Franklin, 25

miles north of here in Williamson County.

TORIES FIGHT THEMSELVES

This new development in the Columbia case, outgrowth of the Negro community's armed resistance to a white lynch mob of Feb. 25, has the political pot boiling over. Old political alignments in the white supremacy camp are cracking. White political leaders are falling out, repudiating old friendships and hurling violent charges at one another.

Amid all this, Central Tennessee Negro communities are uniting as one in support of the Columbia defendants, pledging all-out war against Jimcrow.

Mayor Downey assailed his old friend District Attorney Bumpus, asserting the purpose of change of venue in a lawsuit is to aid the defendants. Downey declared this purpose had been betrayed by the Maury County court action sending the case to Lawrence County.

Downey accused Bumpus of "fixing" the court record to transfer the case.

"We supported Paul Bumpus when he ran before," declared Downey, "but we are going to beat him if he brings the trial down here. We are going to have justice if we have to beat Paul Bumpus to get it."

NAACP attorneys said they planned to take extensive affidavits in Lawrence and adjoining counties to support their new change of venue plea.

Looby said he would offer change of venue motions in Lawrence County Court Aug. 3, three days before the case of the 25 Negroes is called for hearing.

Judge Ingram published a notice that a special term of court will begin on that date.

Rankin Double-X Stalls Bill Giving Cars to Crippled Vets

By Dick Greenspan

Maimed for life, paralyzed from the waist down, missing arms and legs, 16,000 veterans are anxiously waiting for Congress to pass a bill which would make life a little more worth living. But a representative from Mississippi is sitting smugly in Washington blocking the bill's passage.

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The representative: John E. Rankin, chairman of the House Veteran's Affairs Committee.

The Bill: The Rogers Bill, H.R. 6304, which would make \$2,000,000 available to buy specially constructed cars for men who have lost a limb or limbs in the service of their country.

"Cars are needed if we ever expect to get around," said one of the paralyzed veterans. "Without them it will be impossible to have a fuller life."

There are some 2,000 paraplegic veterans in hospitals and homes throughout the country. Many are members of a newly formed Paralyzed Veterans Association. They are men whose spinal cords have been severed or severely damaged and will never have full control of their legs. Many of these paraplegics never will be able to control their bowel movements. Many will never again have a sex life.

There are approximately 14,000 amputees—men who have lost one to four limbs in the war against fascism.

The paralyzed and amputee veterans are fearful. Congress is expected to adjourn in about two weeks and their bill isn't out of committee because of a Rankin double-cross.

The Roger's bill was introduced in April. It had to be cleared through the committee Rankin heads. Rankin told amputee vets from Walter Reed General Hospital at that time that he was in favor of the bill.

Rankin also said that he would bring the bill out of committee and onto the floor of the House as soon as possible.

What Rankin did was to bury the bill in subcommittee.

Two weeks ago the War Amputee

Car Committee—consisting mostly of veterans from Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C., issued a petition for the bill to be taken out of committee.

Signatures of 218 Congressmen are needed to get the bill out of committee. Thus far the committee has obtained more than half

the necessary signatures.

These paralyzed and maimed veterans are asking that public pressure be immediately applied on Rankin and other Congressmen—asking them to sign the release petition if they haven't already done so.

In New York City the paralyzed amputee veterans—with the aid of



"If I had the money right now I'd buy a car. We paraplegics can't go anywhere without one," says Pfc. William H. Bradley, 27, of 35 W. 117 St., who was hit by shrapnel while serving with the 92d Division in Italy.

the American Veterans Committee—met last week and appealed for the formation of what became the Citizens for Cars for Amputee and Paralyzed War Veterans at 139 E. 57 St.

This citizens committee will consist of 1,000 citizens, each to contribute \$10 to a campaign fund for the passage of the Rogers bill.

The CIO United Automobile Workers, meeting in national convention in April, unanimously passed a resolution asking the government to make cars available to amputees and other disabled veterans. "The UAW convention went further and donated three specially constructed automobiles.

Slight Rise In Jobs for Vets

A 17,000 decrease in vet unemployment was reported in the Veterans Administration statistical summary for June yesterday.

There were 1,766,418 World War II vets drawing unemployment allowances as of June 30 compared with 1,783,000 the previous month.

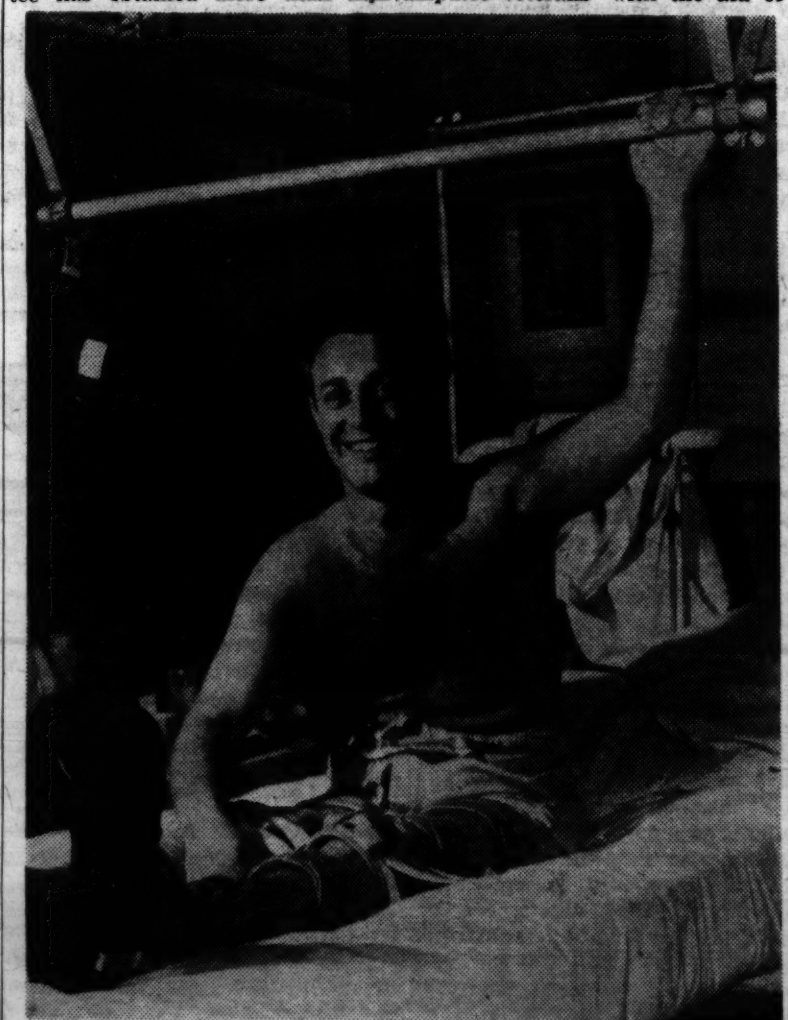
Joseph B. O'Connor, regional USES director, reported yesterday that 219,000 vets were seeking work in New York state and that this represented a 30,000 drop in the last month.

Total World War II vets back in the U.S. is 12,848,000.

Twice as many were unemployed as were in education or training.

Total number who had applied for education and training under the GI Bill of Rights was 2,916,357. But only 932,230 were in school or training, 233,196 had dropped out or completed such training.

Disability and pension cases totaled 1,983,000.



"A guy can't buy a car — especially if he's got a family," says Cpl. Sal Damelio, whose wife and two kids live at 137 Main St., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. "I sure am anxious to get a car though."

—Daily Worker Photos



LABOR BRIEFS Public Workers Union Names Negro to Staff

NEGRO UNION LEADER, Henry B. Shepard, former employee of the Foreign Economic Administration and the State Department, was appointed to the organizing staff of the United Public Workers of America, regional director Daniel J. Schwartz for the Maryland-District of Columbia area announced. During the past year Shepard has been a leading member of the Washington CIO Council and has been active in negotiations for employees

of his department. He will be part of the staff of organizers who will shortly launch a drive to organize employees of the Veterans Administration at the Capital where discrimination against Negro workers is rife.

A DETROIT eviction was halted when a squad of members of the United Automobile Workers went to the aid of a Local 154 member who was padlocked out of his two-room apartment. The caretaker was persuaded to let him, his wife and two small children in. A court later ruled that a landlord has no right to padlock a tenant out of an apartment. The landlord refused to accept rent payments when the tenants asked to see the OPA ceiling.

EVICTED COURT FIGHTS will be made for any of its 46,000 members in danger of being evicted, the Indianapolis CIO Council announced. The CIO's board pointed out that Indiana laws provide protection for tenants not commonly known, and many people become panicky and unnecessarily move out when served notice. Tenants, it was pointed out are protected from arbitrary or short term evictions.

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Macy's Tied Up by Drivers Strike

R. H. Macy's, the world's largest department store, was operating on less than 15 percent of capacity yesterday as the vast majority of the 6,000 store employees respected the picket lines of striking delivery men.

Hearings on Freeport Case To Begin Here Wednesday

The first public hearing on the killing of the Ferguson brothers in Freeport, N. Y., last February, will take place at 10:30 a.m. next Wednesday, July 17. State Investigator Lawrence S. Greenbaum in addition to announcing the hearing, which takes place at

the Bar Association, 42 W. 44th St., yesterday told the Daily Worker that he would be acting in a quasi-judicial capacity and that "all available legal evidence and pertinent facts leading up to the killing of the Ferguson brothers would be considered."

Assisting Greenbaum in the hearing at his own request to Gov. Dewey will be Sol Gelb, former Assistant District Attorney of New York County under Dewey. Gelb prosecuted Morris U. Schappes after the Rapp-Coudert Committee had engaged in a vicious with-hunt in the schools.

The Daily Worker yesterday asked Greenbaum:

Q.: Have you received any suggestions or offers of evidence from any interested persons or organizations?

A.: I have heard from Miss Dorothy Langston of the New York Committee for Justice in Freeport. And I am in contact with Mr. Stanley Faulkner who has some knowledge of the case.

Q.: Have you taken any steps to contact any organizations or persons for cooperation in the investigation?

A.: You have my press release in which I specifically request suggestions from interested parties.

The release states that Greenbaum "reserves full power to decide whether such evidence is within the scope of the terms of my appointment."

You Have a Date To See Justice Done

OCCASION: State probe of the slaying of the Ferguson brothers in Freeport, L. I., Feb. 5.

TIME: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 17.

PLACE: Bar Association, 42 W. 44 St.

ADMISSION: Open to all public-minded citizens and organizations. State investigator and counsel will be "happy to receive suggestions as to possible witnesses or evidence to be adduced."

COMMENT: All New Yorkers, whose five-month mass protest compelled Gov. Dewey to probe this Jimcrow slaying, should consider this announcement a summons.

ment."

Greenbaum was appointed under the State Executive Act, Section 62. This law gives the Attorney General power subject to the governor's approval to appoint someone to "inquire into matters concerning the public peace, public safety and public justice." It also gives the Attorney General power to "subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance" and "to request the production of any books or papers he deems relevant to the inquiry."

Meanwhile, according to Newsday,

Hempstead daily, Greenbaum declared on July 9, that he was clearing his desk of all personal matters and that as yet he hadn't had time to consult with District Attorney Gehrig.

On July 10 the Daily Worker revealed that DA Gehrig, chief whitewasher of patrolman Joseph Romeika, killer of the Ferguson Negro brothers, was a main mover with Gov. Dewey in the Freeport probe. Both Gehrig and Freeport Mayor Cyril S. Ryan who declared, according to Newsday, that he has a "clear conscience," have "welcomed" action on the governor's part.

Baldwin Studies '1 World' Party

Spokesmen for Rep. Joseph Clark Baldwin yesterday announced that the liberal Manhattan Republican is contemplating the formation of a "One World" party to rally independent voters in his race for reelection.

Baldwin is confident of defeating the reactionary Frederic R. Coudert, machine designee in the 17th District, his aides said. But if he shouldn't, they want to give independent Republican and Democratic voters two ways to choose Baldwin in November. He is the official American Labor Party nominee, too.

Baldwin's headquarters charged that pressure has been brought to bear on his printers to delay delivery of petition forms for his race in the Democratic primary, where he opposes Myron Sulzberger.

Local 1-S, United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees, CIO, of which the store employees are members, is not directly involved in the dispute. But one look at the picket signs and the thousands of clerks and counter workers turned homeward.

Those on strike are members of Local 1 of URWDE which holds a contract for 1,000 delivery men.

Only one of 28 elevators was operating. Executives joined with a few of the clerks who entered to keep some departments serviced. But a company spokesman admitted that not more than 10 to 20 percent of the employees turned up and less than half of the usual number of customers were evident.

Local 1-S issued no directive or statement to its members. The refusal to pass picket lines was the choice of each of the members. A mass meeting 8:30 this morning at Manhattan Center will hear the latest report on the situation and of Local 1-S policy.

Local 1 of the delivery men signed a new contract with Macy's on June 18 embodying improvements in working conditions. A week later the company informed the union that its delivery work was sold to United Parcel Service. Questioned by the union's representatives whether UPS also took over the contract as provided in the company's agreement with the union, management replied that this was a matter now in the hands of the UPS.

The UPS maintains it is not bound by the CIO contract with Macy's and would not sign with Local 1 because it has a contract with Local 654, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, AFL. Thus, the CIO men were given the alternative of joining the AFL union or losing their employment.

Local 1 holds that Macy's has violated its contract with the CIO union and that its members were, in effect, locked out. A leaflet distributed to the public by the delivery strikers points out that:

- Transfer to the AFL would mean loss of seniority which averages 15 years among the Macy delivery men.
- The AFL contract would mean

a loss of \$5 to \$13 a week in wages, and a six-day week in place of Macy's five days.

• Loss of pensions after the age of fifty-five and 20 years of service, as provided by Macy's, severance pay, vacation status and other hard-won conditions.

Attempts were being made to solve the problem at State Mediation Board offices, with Macy's management claiming to be victimized by a dispute between the CIO and UPS. But Local 1 held to its guns last night that it has only a dispute with Macy's for violating a contract. Pickets will line the store's entrances this morning.

Bloomingdale's store too was practically tied up yesterday as members of its Local 3 of the CIO department store clerks refused to pass picket lines there in sympathy with Local 1. Bloomingdale's uses UPS. But spokesmen of the union said last night that pickets will be taken off the Bloomingdale store.

Depot Workers Picket 5 and 10s

Woolworth warehouse employees who have rejected the company's latest wage offer by a vote of 213 to 10 yesterday picketed the firm's stores for a second time and appealed for public support.

The workers, members of Local 65, Wholesale and Warehouse Workers, rejected by secret vote an offer of a \$40 weekly minimum. They are holding out for a minimum of \$55, guaranteed year-around employment and application of Local 65's group insurance, hospitalization and sick benefit plan financed by a three per cent payroll tax.

Picketing was concentrated at four of Woolworth's largest retail stores. It will continue daily until the July 15 contract deadline. Store employees were responding in large numbers to appeals of the pickets to sign up with Local 65.

Tour of Soviets

Seven prominent Americans will leave by air today to visit war-torn Soviet areas at the invitation of the Soviet Government, the Soviet Red Cross and the Red Crescent Society.

Isacson Seeks Parley With State Rent Czar

Assemblyman Leo Isacson has written to State Rent Administrator Joseph McGoldrick asking for an appointment to discuss rent policy.

As counsel for the Bronx Consumer Coordinating Council, Isacson wants to give McGoldrick, who is subject to pressure from realty groups, an idea of how tenants feel about increases.

The Laborite also wrote to Gov. Thomas Dewey asking for a special session of the Legislature to strengthen the rent law.

In another communication the assemblyman reminded Dewey that his resolution for a probe of the Freeport killing was defeated in the Legislature. He was gratified, however, that the Governor has seen fit to take action, even if belatedly, he said.

CAMPAIGN NOTES: Rep. Vito Marcantonio will not address the New York County Committee of the American Labor Party Friday night at the Benjamin Franklin High School as scheduled. The meeting was called off because of Sidney Hillman's death.

More than 500 veterans have enrolled in the Democratic Party in the 24th A.D., Brooklyn, in order to ensure the designation of Sammy Kaplan in the primary. Canvassers for Kaplan, who is also receiving the backing of ALP, have collected more than 2,000 signatures on Democratic petitions. A Young Citizens Committee for the Election of Sammy Kaplan has been formed. Kaplan will be among those who will go to



KAPLAN Backed by Vets

Washington Sunday under the banner of the Jewish War Veterans protesting Britain's terror in Palestine.

Full support for Assemblyman Philip J. Schupler's call for a special session of the state Legislature was announced yesterday by the Kings ALP. Schupler of the 19th A.D. has asked for a special session to deal with the emergency resulting from the demise of the OPA.

Branch Six of the Communist Party, 430 Sixth Ave., is distributing leaflets exposing the role of Rep. Ellsworth Buck in the helping the inflationists kill the price control measure.

CIO Wins State Pledge to Speed Veterans Job Training Checks

Responsible state officials have promised to cut the red tape and delays that have been holding up payment of subsistence checks to veterans on job-training programs, Charles Klare, city CIO veterans director, announced yesterday.

Klare charged that hundreds of veterans have entered "their fourth and fifth month of training without receiving a single cent of their subsistence benefits." This was due, the labor veterans claimed, to three factors:

1. Inadequate and poorly trained staffs of the state agencies.
2. Disagreement in policy between the State Apprenticeship Council and the Division of Veterans Affairs.
3. Red tape resulting from the responsibility for four separate agencies for administering job training.

Conferences between the Veterans Committee of the CIO Council and Edward Neary, Director of Veterans Affairs; John Sandler, State Apprenticeship Council, and Industrial Commissioner Edward Corsi were held and agreement reached remedying some of the shortcomings.

Unions which have been particularly active in securing vet job training projects are in the shoe, fur, furniture, metal products,

clothing and wholesale and retail fields.

Klare cautioned vets not to go "overboard" on the program because of the lack of job openings.



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Forty Coffins in a Mass Grave at Kielce

By Paul Novick.
Editor, Morning Freiheit

WARSAW, July 8 (Delayed).— I have just returned from the state funeral of the 40 Jews slain in the Kielce pogrom.

The terrible sight of 40 trucks rolling by with 40 coffins brought tears to the eyes of Polish army men and the thousands of workers who left the shops, bearing black-bordered flags and floral offerings.

Some of the bodies placed in the huge common grave were still unidentified.

Representatives of the government, unions, Jewish organizations, and the leftwing parties addressed the throng that filled

the Jewish cemetery. Speaking in behalf of the Central Jewish Committee, Adolph Berman cried:

"Twelve million Jews the world over are looking down into this grave that represents the greatest crime in the history of Poland, the crime of reactionary bandits and their supporters here and abroad."

Following religious rites and an army rifle salvo, Col. Rabbi David Kahane, head Jewish chaplain of the Polish Army, addressed the question to the people in general and to the heads of the Catholic Church here in particular, whether they could say of Kielce, "Our hands are clean." The government is moving rap-



NOVICK
Visits Pogrom Scene
idly to round up the criminals. One arrest was made before my

eyes on the square in Kielce.

On our return to Warsaw, an example of the role of former London Premier Mikolaczky appeared in his organ, *Gaceta Ludowa*, quoting him as saying that he had heard some 32 Jews were killed "according to a Government communique," but he had no details of the incident as yet.

Eyewitnesses reported that many participants in the slaughter wore the British uniform with the arm-patch, Poland, of the Anders army.

The Warsaw city council, various workers' organizations and the Socialist and Communist press are demanding the severest

punishment for the perpetrators. *Glos Ludu*, organ of the Socialist Party, charged that Mikolaczky's Peasant Party had helped create the atmosphere for the pogrom and had even openly approved of the Hitler "solution" of the Jewish problem.

The Workers (Communist) Party paper, *Robotnik*, charged that the Catholic hierarchy, "instead of introducing Christian charity into the Polish situation, is participating in a political struggle in behalf of the opposition."

During the recent referendum campaign I saw copies of handbills in the Nazi style, calling for the extermination of the Jews.

Letters from Our Readers

**Benedict Arnold Too
'Chose Freedom'**

Philadelphia, Pa.
Editor, Daily Worker:

Following is a copy of a letter which we sent to the Philadelphia Record and which so far has been suppressed:

"In line with your anti-Soviet policy you have deliberately published as fact, the vicious writings of a man, who, because of greed and opportunism deserted his country at the time of her greatest need, when she was fighting for her life against the fascist forces of Nazi Germany.

"This man is no less a traitor to his country than is Ezra Pound to the U. S. or Lord Haw Haw to Great Britain.

"Would you publish an expose of the U.S. by Ezra Pound as being the truth?

"Would you publish an expose of Great Britain by Lord Haw Haw as being the truth?

"How can you justify publishing an expose of Russia as being the truth, when it was written by a man who was more a traitor than either Pound or Haw Haw, as he was entrusted with an important governmental position, which he betrayed.

"By your reasoning, any traitor

to his country could say 'I Choose Freedom,' be it Kravchenko, Pound, Joyce or Tokyo Rose.

"Is it just a coincidence that this particular 'expose' happens to be directed against the USSR, or is it again the much vaunted 'freedom of the press' which leaves you free to print what you wish, true or false, and free to omit what you wish, usually the truth.

"If you really are sincere in your alleged policy of telling both sides of the story, you would publish the works of the Soviet Patriots, as well as the works of the heroes of the American Revolution such as Tom Paine and Thomas Jefferson, not the twisted views of a traitor such as Benedict Arnold.

"In these trying days, you could further the cause of peace, for which both countries sacrificed so much by publishing the truth about the Soviet Union, as in the works of Edgar Snow, Richard Lauterback, Nicholas Ostrovsky and others, rather than the lies written by traitors and pro-fascists and their tools, such as Kravchenko, Randolph Churchill, and your editorial staff.
MITZI and BERNIE DROSSIN

The Editors welcome your opinions and contributions to this page. Due to lack of space letters should be limited to 150 words so as to permit the printing of as many as possible. Please include full name and address with your letters. We will withhold names upon request.

**Red-Baiting Don't Make
'In Fact' More Popular**

Brooklyn, N. Y.
Editor, Daily Worker:

I have been a subscriber to IN FACT for quite some time, reading it on the assumption that it is a progressive, pro-labor, pro-people paper. However, when it goes in for red-baiting, I stop and wonder.

I am referring to the issue of July 1 in which there is a statement quoted by George Selde that "I love an American Communist just about as much as Alfred P. Sloan." He is quoting someone else but this is not made clear. It is in the article called 1917 Lie Mill Operates again in 1946. Whichever way you read this, it's no good. I don't think that such statements are going to make IN FACT more popular.

I think they will cut its circulation among the "better" people—that is the workers—by such

remarks. I for one will be strictly on the alert when I read this paper from now on.

B. K.

**For All-Out Offensive
Against American Fascists**

Editor, Daily Worker:

New York.

Every Coughlinite in the United States is a potential enemy to the American people and should be labeled by the authorities as such. Coughlinism would destroy America. Individually and collectively Coughlinites are out to overthrow our form of government and abolish our American way of life. Are we going to stand by idly and tolerate this menace to our democracy?

Coughlinites and Ku Kluxers are not at all backward. Let Congress know that we are aware of their activities in every phase of the national life. A campaign to eradicate Coughlinism-fascism and their fellow America Firsters must be instituted at once in order to protect America. It is the only alternative to save our land, the land for which more than 300,000 Americans fought and died in World War II.

B. UNTERMANN.

**Big Biz Promise on
Price Control—Worthless**

New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:
The wrath, which the presidential veto of the fake price control bill, has elicited, from the plutocratic-minded editorial and column writers, is an indication that the greedy forces behind the months-old offensive to kill OPA suffered a temporary set-back in their plans for milking the consumer dry.

Nobody should be deceived by the flood of announcements by business and manufacturing concerns that they will keep prices down. These kind of promises are difficult to accept as made in good faith. Rather it is safer to regard them as the shrewdest stratagem with which to counteract the people's determination to safeguard their income and savings from being wiped out by those who contributed so lavishly to the campaign against the retention of OPA.

They aim now at leading the people into a mood of confidence in promises which will be broken right after the people cease demanding of Congress to stand by them and not by the profiteers.
A. D.

FBI in Spat with Phone Co. on Wire Tapping

By Travis Hedrick
By Federated Press

WASHINGTON, July 11.—The great little Washington sport of tapping a guy's telephone is troubling not only Congress, but also the telephone company.

It can be stated without fear of contradiction, that J. Edgar Hoover's little men of the FBI had quite a quarrel with the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. about their continually snarling up the works with tapping machinery.

At one point some months ago, the telephone company threatened to put a small asterisk (*) opposite the name of every subscriber whose line was being recorded.

That worried Hoover's men and they promised to be good boys—but lots of folks still get that tapping hum in their ears as the recorder goes to work. It hasn't stopped—they are just a little more careful.

ILLEGAL, BUT DONE

Although wire tapping is illegal by act of Congress, the current Senate investigation into the war

contracts involving the name of Rep. Andrew J. May (D-Ky.) offers abundant proof that "listening in" is not confined to rural party lines.

Of course nobody thought much about wire tapping and wire recorders until the evidence started pouring into the record in the Senate committee's hearings. Then a lot of Congressmen got on their feet and hollered.

One company claims it has installed 10,000 of the wire recorders without a sales campaign, 6,853 to commercial users and 3,200 to the Army and Navy.

ADVISING THE VICTIM

The Federal Communications Commission, which has jurisdiction over such matters, is considering the fate of the telephone recorder. This is not actually a "tap" as such—it is an attachment that puts your words and those of the party at the other end of the line onto a wax record. Another type is the wire recorder, which does the same thing on a thin strand of treated wire running to and from a couple of reels.

What FCC is seeking is a sys-

tem whereby the tapped party can be told that all his conversation is being taken down, possibly for use against him later.

There are a couple of plans in prospect—one is the asterisk mark in the phone book, but that wouldn't warn the party being called by a tapped phone's owner.

Another idea was to use a coupling between the phone instrument and the recorder that would give out with a distinctive tone—somewhat like a busy signal, only softer.

Perhaps the best plan, if we have to have telephone calls tapped at all, is an arrangement for all recordings to be sent through a special switchboard. Then the operator at the board would be required to announce after making the connection, that it wasn't just a private call after all, and the chat with the girls friend was being "taken down."

To enforce this idea, however, the telephone companies would be given a monopoly on recorders and all others would be outlawed. Vice Pres. Keith S. McHugh of

the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. said that the telephone companies would carry out this plan if there was a sufficient demand.

SNEAKY BUSINESS

But McHugh says he is opposed to all tapping and that "the average person would be outraged if he found that his business conversation in an office or his social conversation in a private home had been recorded."

Some of the proponents of tapping phones say the mechanical method is not as bad as the common business practice of using an extension line as a means of permitting a stenographer to take it all down in shorthand.

And these people argue also that the mechanical wire tapper is of great social benefit to allow doctors and hospitals to phone rush orders to drug stores—recorded to avoid errors; a railroad could use them to record weather reports along a line.

But when you add it all up, a wire tapper is a sneak and not many Americans would enjoy having their privacy invaded.



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The Real Issue

WHAT to do with Germany?

The answer which each of the big powers gives to this question shows where it is going, whom it favors, and what kind of world it wants.

The Soviet Union, through its delegate to the Big Four Paris conference, Molotov has once again given its answer.

The press here tries awfully hard to give the impression that this is a new answer. Actually, it is the same fundamental answer which it has been giving for a year, modified in some details with regard to level of industrial production.

Molotov insists on a Germany that WILL NOT BE ABLE TO WAGE WAR AGAIN, on a Germany that will be de-Nazified, and prepared for her place at some future time as a democratic state, provided the German people meet their responsibilities.

At the same time, Molotov takes a crack good and hard at those intriguers in London and Washington who have been chattering lately on how they are going to slice Germany up into a "western" and "eastern" Germany.

These are the gents who have been looking for alibis to justify their failure to de-Nazify western Germany, and now seek to perpetuate reaction in their zones.

Molotov knocked all this into a cocked hat with his insistence in a centralized control of Germany which would enforce the de-Nazification and help lead to a possible democratic state later on. It is not a problem of "centralization" as such; but centralization for what kind of policy? Thus far, the Byrnes policy has encouraged anti-democratic forces in our zone.

A centralization pursuing that kind of policy would aim at restoring the Nazis in the eastern zone where the Soviets have curbed them effectively.

A centralization pursuing the Potsdam policy would have to reverse the pro-Nazi policy now applied in the British and American zones.

This is the real issue—what kind of Germany, truly de-Nazified, or secretly restoring the German trusts and their Nazi stooges?

The Byrnes 25-year treaty by itself does not answer this crucial question. You can have a 25-year treaty which could be aimed at either goal.

The Byrnes-Bevin plan to withdraw allied troops, including Soviet troops, BEFORE the fulfillment of the Potsdam pact, would spell revival of German fascism. We don't think the American people want that.

Public opinion ought to let the government know it.

Hochman Explains

MEMBERS of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union who have been hitting their leaders' silence on Ernest Bevin's anti-Semitic slurs, now have their answer.

Julius Hochman, ILGWU vice-president and manager of its dress joint board, gave the answer. The maintenance of Britain as an anti-Soviet base is far more important.

"That is why it pains me to see this conflict with Great Britain developing," he explained in a speech at Hotel Astor.

Anti-Sovietism is far more important to these misleaders of labor than Bevin's anti-Semitism. This is why they, almost alone of all leaders of American labor—Jewish and non-Jewish—were silent when the trans-Atlantic cables were hot with protests.

It now appears that ILGWU members must look to speeches of British Labor government leaders to be able to follow the policy of their union.

It is regrettable and shameful that a man with Hochman's views is picked to be a delegate to the ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation through Training) conference at Paris. The ORT is a non-sectarian and non-partisan agency for relief of Jewish people which has enjoyed the support of all elements in the labor movement.

Hochman and his associates in the ILGWU speak only for a handful of hard-bitten anti-Sovieters. Their hatred for the one land where anti-Semitism is outlawed leads them to forget even their own birthright.

THE SCOUNDREL



Views on Labor News

R-r-revolutionary Fight on OPA

By George Morris

A SAMPLE of the sort of demagoguery that makes the rounds these days with in labor ranks is offered in an editorial of the current issue of the Trotskyite weekly, *The Militant*.

It is also a clear example to show how the seemingly "revolutionary" sounding cry of the Trotskyites is but an echo of the well-known reactionary cry of the National Association of Manufacturers.

The Trotskyites are currently trying to capitalize upon the cost of living rise and abolition of OPA. They open up with what seems like sound fundamentals: that price control is not a real cure, that dependence upon the government for serious resistance to inflation is utter folly. Then they follow:

"But Truman, the labor leaders, the Stalinists are trying to revive illusions. They now call for another OPA—a 'good' OPA. They hope to persuade Congress to trick out some new measures to palm off once more as 'price control.'"

The Trotskyites advise workers against being again "fooled" by another OPA.

REFORMISM VS. STRUGGLE FOR NEEDS

We Communists have always stressed that no reform under capitalism, much less an OPA, could be a cure against any of the ills inherent in the system. The best OPA is at best a temporary stop-gap that offers some relief against the "never-ceasing encroachments of capital or changes of the market," to use a phrase from Marx.

In all partial action, such as struggles for wage increases, passage of social legislation and restraint of monopolies and profiteers, Marx said the workers "ought not forget that they are fighting with effects, but not with the causes of those effects; that they are retarding the downward movement but not changing its direction; that they are applying palliatives but not curing the malady."

But the same Marx, and Lenin

after him, were no less emphatic in stressing the duty of Marxists to lead every struggle that helps combat the effects of capitalism. A reformist is he who has illusions in reforms and thinks he could capitalize on capitalism's "good nature." But a Communist recognizes that even the limited scope of OPA, a minimum wage bill or a little improvement in social security, could be won only through mobilization and struggles of millions of people.

When workers score a partial gain through struggle they have no illusion. They learn the elementary fact that struggle, organization and mass mobilization are the key to every change. Without such elementary lesson it is nonsense to talk of replacement of capitalism by socialism. And it goes without saying that a worker's confidence in socialism can only be built by his experience with Communists in the fight for improvement under capitalism.

STRUGGLE VS. HOT WORDS

Now surely everybody is interested in OPA. There is an immediate material interest involved, just like wages, for many millions of people who know the difference in the price of milk, meat, butter, bread, living quarters. Any fancy argument that this struggle is prompted by a "false illusion," whether it comes from the NAM or the Trotskyites, has the same meaning to the average worker.

The Trotskyites realize that

they are open to this charge so they fill up their editorial with phrases urging "direct mass pressure" to "intervene to fix themselves" and other like thunderous words.

It is a well-known fact that the NAM, the O'Daniels and Tafts are never worried by thunderous language. They only point to it to say "see what freedom of speech we have!" What they don't like is action that mobilizes millions.

In like manner Trotskyite leaflets during the war shouting against the war effort and calling upon the workers to strike for "workers' control of production" never worried reactionaries. Today a strike for a wage raise always does bother them.

Hitler wasn't worried when the Trotskyite attorney addressing a Minneapolis court in defiance of Trotskyite saboteurs of the war suggested that in place of war against Hitler we should first have "Socialist" governments in the United States and England and then address an appeal to the German people to revolt against Hitler and "establish your own Socialist government."

"Hitler would not last one week after such an appeal," he told the court. "He would be destroyed by his own people. This is our solution to the problem of Hitlerism."

This is how the Trotskyites cover up with "revolutionary" phrases their sabotage of labor's struggles, be they for price control or the war upon fascism.

Worth Repeating

Alexander Bittelman, writing of American imperialism's leading role in the Anglo-American bloc, says in part: "All too often, certain liberal critics of American foreign policy tend to present the matter as though American policy is being led astray by Britain; as though the American ruling class, and the government, have been seduced by British imperialism into joining the Anglo-American bloc and pursuing a reactionary, imperialist and warmaking course."

"This is obviously a fantastic and unreal picture of America's present role in world affairs, which is actually the role of the incomparably strongest power, driving for world domination and building an Anglo-American bloc under its leadership to achieve these objectives." Political Affairs, July, 1946.

LaFollette Masks OK of Fascist's Aid

Special to the Daily Worker

MILWAUKEE, July 11.—Despite repudiation of support by Gerald L. K. Smith, native fascist leader, Sen. Robert M. LaFollette, seeking Republican nomination, hasn't run Progressives against any of the other four reactionaries backed by the would be fuhrer.

Smith also had endorsed four Republican Wisconsin Congressmen—Albin O'Konski, Frank B. Keefe, Reid F. Murray and Lawrence H. Smith, all of whom except O'Konski rejected it. Smith said this OK of these politicians "goes mainly to their foreign policy and their attitudes towards Communism."

Smith said of O'Konski, darling of the London Poles and friend of Mikhailovitch and other fascists: "We are especially appreciative of the work that has been done

by O'Konski, in his defense of Poland, and in his honest, courageous fight against world Communist and Stalin tyranny."

Miles McMillin, commentator in the Capital Times which supports La Follette, noted: "Some Democratic leaders make no secret of their suspicion that a deal has been made between Republican Congressmen and Progressives."

La Follette has also supported isolationist Sen. Burton K. Wheeler of Montana for reelection, columnist Drew Pearson wrote recently.

Smith also had blasted Harold E. Stassen, former Minnesota governor and an aspirant for the presidency, whose endorsed candidate Edward Thyne recently won the Republican Senatorial nomination over Henrik Shipstead. Both Shipstead and La Follette are isolationists.

FBI, Cops Grill CP Leader In Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., (By Mail) City police and the FBI, Saturday arrested and held incommunicado O. Bryant, Alabama Communist Party organizational secretary. After considerable quizzing, Bryant was released without charges. The police pretended to be hunting "policy racketeers."

The Communist Party here said the arrest was made because of the Communist campaigns for OPA and a lasting peace. They urged that protests be addressed to Attorney General Clark in Washington, D. C.

Fur Floor Clerks Back Jewish Vets' March

The Jewish War Veterans' cavalcade to Washington Sunday was endorsed yesterday by the executive board of Local 125 Fur Floor and Shipping Clerks Union.

One thousand of the two thousand members of the local are vets. In a letter to Maxwell Cohen, Commander of the JWV, Herbert Kurzer, paratrooper who hit Normandy H-Hour, Local 125 manager, said "we are urging our vets to participate."

The fur workers' local demanded that "the supervision of Palestine be turned over to the United Nations."

From Madrid to Leningrad to N.Y.

Group to Rejoin Parents After 2 Wars and 10 Years' Parting

Uprooted from their homes and country by one war and front-line fighters in another, a couple of Spanish youths are now pausing in New York before opening a new chapter in their lives in Mexico City.

Jorge Aymami and Ismael Viadiu laugh a little, but seem somewhat serious for their ages of 22 and 20—a seriousness gained by an escape from Franco and a couple of campaigns with the Red Army.

They are the oldest of a group of Spaniards here who were evacuated to the Soviet Union from Spain by the Spanish Republican Government between 1936 and 1939. En route to Mexico City, they are in the care of the United Spanish Appeal.

The refugees have been separated from their parents for almost 10 years. One, Enrisue Prats, 18, saw his family last in June, 1937, in Spain. In 1939, in the Soviet Union, he received word from an aunt in Paris that his father, brother and three uncles had been imprisoned by Franco. That was the last word.

Jorge and Ismael had taken up new lives in the Soviet Union by the beginning of the German invasion. Jorge had finished a year's study at the Institute of Chemistry, near Moscow. Ismael was working in a tank factory near Leningrad.

Both went into the Red Army—Jorge at 17 and Ismael at 15—but not till objections of the Soviet Government had been cleared. Speaking through interpreter Fabri Cuesta, Jorge said the Soviets at first insisted he continue his studies, saying they wanted to return him to Spain eventually in as good condition as when he was entrusted to them.

WON DECORATIONS

He saw action in the Caucasus and at Kursk, and was cited with the Medal of Victory, which Red Army front-line fighters received.

In his new life, Jorge would like to study journalism. He has a revolutionary heritage in this field, for his father edited the famous anti-fascist Treball, in Catalonia, before and during the Civil War. The paper still comes out, underground. Ismael, too spent three years in

the Soviet forces, and, like Jorge, he went in as a private and received a commission in the field. Both were sent to officers' school after earning their bars. They were demobilized in March of this year as lieutenants.

Ismael had a family in the fight against fascism. Two of his brothers, 22 and 23 years old, were killed at the Leningrad front.

WANT TO FREE SPAIN

Each of the group knows what has happened to his motherland. Eighteen-year-old Enrique Prats wants to study aviation so he "can go back and drop a bomb on Franco." Sixteen-year-old Rafael Carselle wants to be a musician and play the French horn. Francisco Manrubia, 17, wants to con-



Red Army Boots: Six-year-old Spanish refugee Victor Cuquerella gets a kick out of standing in the boots of Jorge Aymami, who saw action against the Nazis on two fronts. Both are enroute to rejoin their parents in Mexico City.

tinue his studies, as does 13-year-old Manuel Salvach. These youngsters lived at children's homes near Moscow and Leningrad, established for them by the Soviet Government. And they all know they want to go back to a free Spain.

The youngsters were interviewed at the Manhattan offices of the Spanish Refugee Appeal of the Joint anti-Fascist Committee, and are an example of what the group is trying to do for victims of Spanish Falangism.

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5 TWA Employees Die In Reading Crash

READING, Pa., July 11 (UP).—A four-motor Constellation plane of the Trans-World Airways crashed and burned on a farm near the airport today, killing five of the six men aboard.

The plane was being used to train crewmen for the line's trans-Atlantic runs. All aboard were

TWA employees. It seemed to be coming in for a landing when it plunged to earth and burst into flames. The cause of the accident was not known.

WHAT'S ON

RAYES: What's On notices for the Daily and The Worker are 50c per line (6 words to a line—3 lines minimum).
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PRESS ROUNDUP

Soviets Said It—So Attack

THE TIMES charges "Russia wants the greatest possible deindustrialization of Germany. . . . True, the editorial was written before Molotov's speech on Germany which flatly disavowed deindustrialization. But on July 5 the Times' own correspondent cabled from the Soviet zone in Germany that production records there were "phenomenal by comparison with the limping process in the western zones." So even before the Molotov speech the truth was available to the Times. But truth doesn't suit its editorial bias against the Soviet Union.

THE HERALD TRIBUNE's Walter Lippmann believes "the difficulty of the German problem is not primarily, as many have argued, the difficulty of agreeing with the Russians. It is the difficulty of uniting the Western Allies. . . . The British will have to abandon the persistent notion that they can retain a special and dominating position in north-western Germany, and can exploit it strategically, politically, or commercially." Having secured American control in the Ruhr, Lippmann would then organize the western bloc in Germany to dictate terms to the Soviet Union. Brute force has a tremendous fascination for Lippmann in conducting "diplomacy."

THE WORLD-TELEGRAM says, "If Russia will consent to treat Germany as a single economic unit, the Germans can begin feeding themselves. . . . If Mr. Molotov is thinking in these terms, we should be able to do business with him." A year ago the Soviet Union proposed treating Germany as a single economic unit and always favored it. The commercial press has convinced itself that its opinion about the Soviet Union's policies were really Soviet policies.

THE POST dispenses with any news account or report of what Molotov actually said. Instead it prints an editorial in the guise of a news article by Paul Scott Mowrer, attacking the Soviet proposal. Mowrer manages to indict Molotov's speech without quoting a word from it.

THE DAILY NEWS Iron Cross columnist John O'Donnell assails "the sly suggestion that the dupes and some of the other big boys were in cahoots with big shot army officials for the promotion of war for private profit." Evidently the government had to twist the arm off big business before it accepted \$50,000,000,000 in war profits.

THE JOURNAL-AMERICAN's news stories and editorials have been angled to refute reports of serious price increases after OPA was killed. Paul Mallon, Washington columnist also wants OPA killed, but admits "Food prices went sky-high immediately upon cessation from OPA. I paid 42 cents for a cantaloupe, 12 cents a piece for tomatoes. Eggs were around 90 cents a dozen, up 40 cents from their usual 50 cents. . . ."

PM finds that "the revisions ap-

Folk Singer at Newark Forum

Charlotte Anthony, folk singer, will perform at the Continental Auditorium, 984 Broad St., Newark, N. J., tonight, Friday, under the auspices of the Newark Current Events Forum. Miss Anthony is a member of People's Artists, Inc.

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WE MOURN the loss of our beloved mother, Ida Kukler, who passed away July 7. Edna and Sasha.

proved in the Senate have made the latest Price Control Bill a misshapen monstrosity. . . . PM's advice to you is to start now telling President Truman to kill it when it comes to his desk."

DAILY MIRROR fears the Tammany has turned Communist: "The tiger is an old and classic symbol in American politics. But it should now be presented in technicolor—because its stripes are daubed with red."

UAW Chrysler Parley Condemns 'Tough' Foreign, Domestic Policy

Special to the Daily Worker

DETROIT, July 11.—One hundred delegates representing 70,000 Chrysler workers have unanimously condemned "the imperialist foreign policy" and "reactionary domestic policy" of the Truman Administration.

The action came at a weekend UAW Chrysler department conference which also notified the corporation it was reopening the wage issue unless Congress rolls prices

back to where they were June 30.

The delegates proposed "that the national CIO executive board, at its meeting in Washington on July 17 formulate a new national wage-price policy."

The resolution on the administration scored Truman's strike-breaking and his signing of the Hobbs bill.

"Sen. Arthur Vandenberg," said another resolution, "is the key figure in that small clique of re-

actionaries who sought first to destroy the unity of the United Nations in time of war and who now seeks to convert the UN into an instrumentality for the furtherance of American imperialism."

"By his program and statements," the resolution continued, "Vandenberg has given aid and comfort to those groups who still strive to undermine the unity of the Big Three."

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BOOKS -- FILMS -- THE ARTS



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Pierre Van Paassen's Inspiring New Book

Reviewed by Bernice Carey

EARTH COULD BE FAIR. By Pierre Van Paassen. Dial Press. \$3.75. 500 pp.

Getting off to a slow start with a storm sweeping over the lowlands of Holland, Pierre Van Paassen's latest book gains increasing power. In the final chapters, with their pitiless account of the tragedies World War II had in store for the book's characters, one is imbued with fresh determination to fight the powers which are already plotting the next war.

In a reminiscent and gossipy mood, Mr. Van Paassen talks about the town where he was born, Gorcum, Holland, and the people who lived there in the early years of this century. He selects a number of his schoolmates and recreates their personalities, their ideals and the social circumstances of their lives.

In so doing he presents a picture of the social and economic structure of pre-war Holland. Most of the characters are drawn from the middle-class. Liberal humanitarian ideas predominate among these intimates of the young Van Paassen. There was a great preoccupation with religious ideas, pro and con, among the author's youthful acquaintances, with a strong disapproval of Dutch colonial, imperialist policies.

The subsequent events which engulfed the Netherlands in Fascist domination reveal how futile was the high-minded, socialist-Christian talking indulged in by these young intellectuals in having any effort on the policies of their nation's rulers.

BITTER AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

Two of the characters discussed by Van Paassen become quislings for the Nazis; but most of them fought valorously in the underground movement against the invaders. Two were Christian martyrs under the Fascist tyrants. Particularly moving and inspiring is the story of the Jewish residents Van Paassen knew in Gorcum.

He is especially bitter, against anti-Semitism, and his denunciation of the treatment of the Jews is one of the most powerful things about "Earth Could Be Fair."

The book is an impassioned plea for the peoples of the world to resist all Fascist moves on the part of their governments; for them first of all to see the dangers inherent in imperialism and exploitation, and then to make their opposition known by their actions in the groups to which they belong.

Pierre Van Paassen's outlook on life is best described by this quotation in his own words:

"The class struggle is an ever-present reality. It is not something that's merely preached by Marxists. The Marxists constate (to find out of verify) its existence and work for its obliteration. The bourgeoisie practises the class struggle. How can it be otherwise? Jesus said long ago,



Russell Daville, young singer who specializes in songs of protest gathered from the anti-fascist underground of many lands. He will appear with the French chanteuse Mouna on the program "Caribbean Night" at the Barbizon-Plaza Concert Hall, Tuesday evening, July 16.

Where a man's treasure is, there shall be his heart also. That word of the Lord's is at the same time the simplest and the most profound definition of the class struggle and of the materialist interpretation of history."

The warning expressed in this passage near the end of the book might be called the author's real purpose in having written "Earth Can Be Fair."

"Who lauded, encouraged, supported, and egged on the Hitler gang for years as the protectors of Christendom against Bolshevism and as the potential destroyers of the Soviet Union? Wasn't it international big business and its flunkies; the prelates, statesmen, journalists, diplomats, educators, molders of public opinion in the so-called democratic countries?"

No very clear course is indicated by Van Paassen as to just how the common people of all nations are to prevent the above-mentioned criminals from continuing the same course in the future. But still too many people need simply to become aware of the facts expressed in the above two quotations.

If "Earth Could Be Fair" makes these points clear to a large number of readers, it has performed a valuable service. Once they are truly aware of the forces which menace their welfare, the people can be counted upon to find their way to the next necessary steps.

Free Enterprise and Fresh Air

By Bill Cahn

Congressman Stumblebum loudly cleared his throat. "The meeting will come to order," he said. "We are privileged to have appearing before our committee today," the

Congressman continued, "Mr. Chesty D. Breathdeep who is national president of the Fresh Air Supply Corp. of America. Mr. Breathdeep will now do our committee the honor of answering whatever questions you gentlemen may care to ask him."

Mr. Breathdeep looked expectantly around the room.

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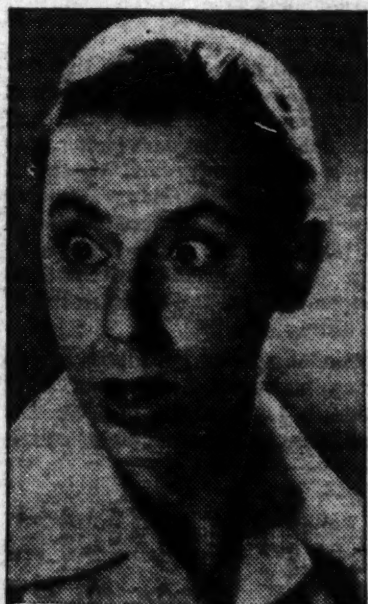
"Does this mean, Mr. Breathdeep," asked Sen. Foghorn, "that everybody will henceforth have to purchase his or her supply of air from your corporation?"

"Quite so," answered Mr. Breathdeep, continuing to wriggle. "Our corporation will render service to the American people in much the same manner as the water companies do when they sell water or the power companies when they sell electricity. In other words, we plan to operate in the true spirit of free enterprise."

"But doesn't the Fresh Air Supply Corp. expect competition from other companies?" asked Congressman Frogface.

"No," answered Mr. Breathdeep. "Our corporation has taken the trouble to buy up exclusive rights to the invention which rations the air. And the original inventor, poor chap, died of a mysterious ailment a short time ago."

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"You don't have to answer that question, Mr. Breathdeep," advised Congressman Stumblebum with an apologetic look.

Mr. Breathdeep ran a finger between his collar and his perspiring neck.

"Gentlemen," he said, "the Fresh Air Supply Corp. is proud that it is ending the wasteful practice of careless breathing of air. If air and water and electricity was free to everybody, gentlemen, I ask you, what would happen to our system of free enterprise?"

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Thousands File by Hillman Casket in Final Tribute

Wage earners, labor leaders and progressives paid silent tributes to Sidney Hillman yesterday as they filed past his casket in Carnegie Hall by the hundreds.

Last rites at Westchester Hills cemetery for the Amalgamated Clothing Workers

president and chairman of the CIO Political Action Committee, who died in Long Island Wednesday morning, will follow a funeral procession through the garment industry center, which will close down for the day.

The CIO Joint Furriers Council announced its members would stop work between 1:30 and 2:30 p. m., to assemble in the Fur Market on Seventh Avenue for the occasion.

As Hillman's body lies in state at Carnegie, telegrams of condolences from all over the world continued to pour into CIO, PAC and ACW headquarters here.

WORLD-WIDE CONDOLENCES

Wires were received from clothing workers' unions and other labor organizations attached to the World Federation of Trade Unions in England, France, So. Africa and elsewhere.

The procession today will leave Carnegie Hall after services scheduled to begin at noon. It will move down Seventh Avenue to 23 Street, over to Fifth Avenue, then down to Union Square, past 15 Union Square,

headquarters of the union he helped found more than 30 years ago.

More than 300 people filed into Carnegie Hall yesterday during the first 15 minutes the rose-decked casket was opened to the public. Hillman's coffin was centered between two flags, the Stars and Stripes and the banner of the ACW.

Saul Mills, secretary of the CIO Industrial Union Council here, said all union offices would close between noon and 2 p. m. today and workers in all industries were being asked to observe five minutes silence between noon and 12:05 in tribute to Hillman. All CIO meetings in the city scheduled for tonight have been cancelled out of respect to Hillman, Mills said.

RESPECTS COME IN

Labor and progressive leaders continued to come forward with last respects to Hillman. Louis Holland, president of the State CIO and co-manager of the ACW joint board here said, "Not only has labor suffered a tremendous loss, but the exploited, the down-trodden and the

minorities have lost a good and great friend."

The executive committee of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, said: "The death of Sidney Hillman came at a time when the principle of world peace stands in danger. We recall with gratitude the services which he rendered to international unity, both in the political field and in his leadership in the WFTU."

The American Jewish Labor Council told Jacob Potofsky, ACW general secretary-treasurer: "Like yourself, we feel this loss particularly because we have come to look upon Sidney Hillman as the foremost leader in labor's fight for economic and political freedom."

The National Maritime Union said, "Working men and women the world over have lost a courageous leader, a wise counsellor and a sincere humanitarian. The Jewish people have lost a faithful son and a staunch spokesman. Sidney Hillman was truly a citizen of American democracy."

The CIO United Public Workers Union sent condolences to Mrs. Bessie Hillman and Hillman's daughters, and pledged themselves "to work harder to preserve and to extend Brother Hillman's lasting contribution of independent political action of labor in the interest of all the people."

"The Kings County American Labor Party mourns the death of Sidney Hillman," Leo J. Kinder, Kings County ALP chairman, said. "He was one of the greatest figures in the history of the American nation and the American labor movement; and it is difficult to measure the contribution he made to the progressive cause in New York State, nationally and internationally, as well."

In a wire to Potofsky, the National Committee of the American Slav Congress declared "the best monument the freedom-loving people of our country and the world over can build to Sidney Hillman will be to carry forward the torch of liberty in the battle for American democracy and international cooperation for the achievement of a lasting peace."

Condolences and pledges to continue his work came from Joint Council 13, United Shoe Workers and many other local unions here.

Byrnes Threatens Bloc in Reich

Secretary of States James F. Byrnes threatened to merge the American zone of Germany with the British or the French by way of an answer to the Soviet proposal for a united and centralized Reich.

The Byrnes plan came after what United Press called "a long debate between him and the Soviet foreign minister on the administration of Germany as an economic whole pending a peace treaty and the formation of a stable German central government."

Evidently Byrnes adheres to the idea of an economic settlement prior to the formation of a central government. His threat to merge the American zone with Britain's is actually a proposal to form an economic western bloc under American leadership preliminary to further bargaining over the Soviet plan.

The USSR does not oppose merg-

ing the zones but emphasizes a central German government and the fulfillment of the Potsdam decisions for the denazification and democratization of Germany first.

The Byrnes move was seen as a confirmation that secret economic discussions have been going on among the capitalist powers, as charged by Tass last Sunday.

Upon Molotov's proposal, the conference prepared to adjourn today (Friday). Byrnes ordered a plane for his party and expects to return Saturday.

The debate on Germany has actually only begun and concrete measures are not likely until the Fall.

Rankin Gang Guns for Atomic Scientists

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Admittedly because it is opposed to civilian control of atomic energy, the House un-American Activities Committee began a red-baiting attack on atomic scientists yesterday.

Ernie Adamson, counsel for the Rankin Committee, said scientists working in the Oak Ridge, Tenn., project are in "subversive" communications with "foreign" groups.

It took the committee's investigators six months to find out the progressive scientists have banded together in organizations which now are demanding removal of atomic control from the military so it may not be used as a third world war threat.

Adamson was cagey in his report. He charged various plots, but did not name one person directly. He said, "If jurisdiction and control of the Oak Ridge reservation pass into civilian hands . . . there undoubtedly would be trouble." He did not

say what kind of trouble he expected.

Adamson found cause for alarm in the CIO atomic workers organizing drive at Oak Ridge, saying a CIO organizer there seemed to be "in close contact with the scientific societies" he said are set up.

Particularly irksome to Adamson was the fact that members of the group interviewed "not only admit communication with persons outside the United States, but in substance, say they intend to continue this practice."

Adamson's action follows similar recent attempts to prevent the scientists from organizing to pool their knowledge and work toward world peace.

AFL Unions Picket Ships in Raid Effort

Two AFL seamen's unions continued yesterday to man picket lines in front of seven shops at Staten Island piers in a disruptive move against the Committee for Maritime Unity.

The picket line continues a struggle begun at Coos Bay, Ore., where a shipowner broke with the Marine Firemen's Union and the Marine Cooks and Stewards, two CMU organizations, and signed up all departments in an AFL agreement.

The Coos Bay ship, the SS Mello Franco, was immediately picketed by the firemen and the cooks and stewards, reinforced by the CIO longshoremen.

The Staten Island picket line began Wednesday in front of Piers 16 and 21, near the New York ferry slip. It was set up by the Sailors Union of the Pacific, a deck crew organization, and the Seafarers International Union.

Some of the seven ships are manned by National Maritime Union crews, others by three unions—the Marine Firemen (Independent), the CIO Marine Cooks and Stewards, and the AFL Sailors Union of the Pacific.

THREATENS PORT TIEUP

Paul Hall, SIU official and chairman of the AFL Maritime Council, threatened to extend the picket lines to all CMU ships in New York Harbor if the Coos Bay tie-up continues.

A statement from the CMU union on the West Coast replied that the CIO has no intention to "move in against AFL unions, as alleged by Harry Lundeberg."

"To the contrary, the SUP has made the first belligerent move in the jurisdictional warfare it so decries by grabbing off a new company, the American Pacific Steamship Company, and freezing out the National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards (CIO), the Marine Firemen's Union (Independent) and the American Communications Association (CIO)."

"This is not the first time such attempts to 'move in' have been made. Various companies under contract to the other unlicensed unions, such as the Wilmington Transportation Co., have been approached by Mr. Lundeberg to

transfer their agreements, and freeze out the other unions.

FIRST SUCH FACT

"No dry cargo company on the Pacific Coast has ever yet signed such a blanket agreement for all departments with the SUP only. All West Coast agreements are with SUP for the deck department, the Marine Firemen's Union for the engine room, and the Marine Cooks and Stewards for the steward department. . . .

"With respect to the American Pacific Steamship Co. and its backdoor agreement, and collusion with Mr. Lundeberg's efforts to muscle in on the other unions, any ships of this company will be picketed until the traditional status quo is restored."

The statement reminded Lundeberg that no union now connected with the CMU has ever interfered with the Sailors Union of the Pacific and that "he is setting a very dangerous precedent."

"We want to remind the several new companies planning to start West Coast dry cargo operations," the statement concluded, "that if they follow the American Pacific Co. example into backdoor agreements, they will be heading into a first class struggle."

NewData on Gibraltar Plot Uncovered

NUERNBERG, Germany, July 11.—Hermann Goering was within hours of sending a task force through Spain to attack Gibraltar with Spanish help in the winter of 1941 when Hitler changed signals and ordered the invasion of the Soviet Union instead, secret German war records showed today.

On Sept. 19, 1940, Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop told the Italian foreign minister, Count Galeazzo Ciano, that "the Spaniards want to conquer Gibraltar by themselves, but so as to prevent any failure, Germany would provide Spain with special troops equipped with special weapons and a few squadrons of planes."

May Sought Bomb Deal For 'Friend's' Firm

WASHINGTON, July 11.—The Senate War Investigating Committee yesterday recorded a report of a telephone conversation between May and Brig. Gen. Roswell Hardy, in which, according to Hardy, May unsuccessfully tried to get a chemical bomb contract for one of a group of 16 firms being probed by the committee.

The contract would have made up for a cutback in shell production ordered by the War Department for the Batavia Metal Products Co. May also had attempted to void the cutback order, Hardy said, and had succeeded in leaving the company with a 15,000 monthly quota, instead of the 10,000 originally decided upon by ordinance officers.

The Batavia Metal Products Co. was the second highest cost producer of shells, charging \$46.62 per shell, while the average for low priced producers was \$26.46 per shell.

The telephone transcript was read by Committee counsel George Meader. It said:

"He is a friend of mine," May said, referring to Dr. Henry Garsson, head of the 16-firm trust. "I am not interested in the com-

pany at all, but he is a friend of mine. . . . I am sure you are doing what is right (in cutting the high-cost shell production) . . . but haven't you got a new chemical bomb coming up?"

"I can't answer that at the moment," Hardy replied.

"I would like you to consider them for that stuff," May then told Hardy. "Let me assure you of one thing, Dr. Garsson is not making any complaints. . . . In fact, I suggested it to him. He was going to write a letter to you about it. He is very grateful for what you have done."

Hardy, though, refused to tell the committee whether he thought May was trying to get "equal treatment" or "a break" for the munitions firm.

Egyptians Out in General Strike

Egyptian students and workers yesterday remembered the beginning of British occupation of their country 64 years ago by organizing a general strike today.

Ten British soldiers and one Egyptian policeman were wounded, according to UP, by a hand grenade thrown during demonstrations.

The strike was called by the National Committee of Students and Workers. The government received it coolly and ordered all traffic to continue and shops to remain open.

This action came in the midst of British-Egyptian negotiations. Left-wing student and working class elements fear that Premier Sidky Pasha may get concessions from the British but only at the price of a military alliance which would retain effective control in British hands.